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LAWYERS DECLINE TO OPPOSE PRIVATE SCHOOL TAX BREAKS
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The American Bar Association refused on Wednesday to oppose President Reagan's plan to provide federal tax breaks for parents who send their children to private schools.

The ABA's policy-making House of Delegates turned down by a 136-134 vote a proposal that it oppose "any legislation providing a tax credit, deduction (or) exemption ... to parents of children attending non-public elementary or secondary schools."

Closing out the 300,000-lawyer organization's national convention, the delegates also:

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Backed legislation to make it easier under the Freedom of Information Act, a 1966 law aimed at curtailing government secrecy, to get documents no longer in the possession of the federal agency for which they were prepared. The ABA said Congress should include such documents in the law's definition of "agency records" to overcome a 1980 Supreme Court interpretation to the contrary.

Supported, in a related move, a recommendation that Congress "give significant relief from the FOIA" for the Central Intelligence Agency and other government spy agencies.

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